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1. AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIA, REQUESTS THAT COMIPEX EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISE NRO OF THE URGENT NEED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC STEPS BEING TAKEN TO SATISFY DOD REQUIREMENTS FOR SATELLITE SYSTEMS DATA ESSENTIAL FOR SUPPORT OF WORLDWIDE MAPPING AND CHARTING PROGRAMS. CONCERN OVER RECENT DELAYS IN OBTAINING FINAL ACTION ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, WHO HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DIA REPRESENTATIVE TO USIB SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SATELLITE CAMERA SYSTEM REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY AND EFFICIENT PRODUCTION OF LARGE SCALE MAPS. AN EARLY COMIPEX RESPONSE IS REQUIRED TO INSURE THAT DNPO HAS FULL BENEFIT OF THE USIB/COMIPEX VIEWS PRIOR TO FINAL DECISION ON SPECIFIC SENSOR SYSTEMS.

2. DOD REPRESENTATIVES PREPARED TO MEET ON THIS MATTER AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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DIA and NRO review(s) completed

6 October 1710

Message from Mr. Hughes

1. As a matter of priority the Deputy Director of DIA requests that COMIREX expeditiously advise NRO of the urgent need for information concerning specific steps being taken to satisfy DoD requirements for satellite systems data essential for support of world-wide mapping and charting programs. Concern over recent delays in obtaining final action on this matter has been expressed by the Chief of Staff, Army who has requested that the DIA representative to USIB support development of a new satellite camera system required for the timely and efficient production of large-scale maps. An early COMIREX response is required to insure that D/NRO has full benefit of the USIB/COMIREX views prior to final decision on specific sensor systems.
2. DoD representatives prepare to meet on this matter at your earliest convenience.